MAIDEN ERLEGH
SCHOOL IN READING

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Dear Parent/Guardian

School closure due to extreme weather

With the exceptionally high temperatures, we have been conducting an ongoing risk assessment relating to the wellbeing of staff and students at school and an assessment of the quality of their learning in what has become unbearably hot classrooms.

On Monday and Tuesday next week, the forecast is for temperatures to soar further towards 38 degrees or higher and, as a result, this morning the Met office announced a red weather warning in the Reading area.

> **Red Warning:** Dangerous weather is expected and, if you haven't already done so, you should take action now to keep yourself and others safe from the impact of the severe weather. It is very likely that there will be a risk to life, with substantial disruption to travel, energy supplies and possibly widespread damage to property and infrastructure. You should avoid travelling, where possible, and follow the advice of the emergency services and local authorities

As a result, Maiden Erlegh Trust has made the decision, in the interests of health and safety that our school buildings will shut to students and staff, and that students will move to online learning (for Monday and Tuesday).

This afternoon, we are preparing students to ensure they know how to log on to Google classroom.

They will be expected to log on to meet with their tutor at 8.40 on both Monday and Tuesday. The lessons for each day will be posted in the appropriate Google classrooms and students will be expected to access and complete this work.

Students should return to school on Wednesday 20 July as usual when the red alert period ends. If the situation changes for Wednesday and Thursday we will, of course, let you know.

It is a huge disappointment and frustration that we have been forced to take this action and is certainly a decision I would have preferred not to take. However, we have to be responsible and follow the government guidance on this.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher